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CHRISTIANI CULTUS:
OR, THE
ORNAMENTS *of a* CHRISTIAN;
BEING A COLLECTION OF
CHRISTIAN
VIRTUES *and* GRACES:

Where they are commanded in the Holy Scriptures, and the Promises of Blessings to those who possess them; also their opposite VICES, where they are forbid, and the Threatenings denounced against those who continue in the Practice of them: The Portions of Scripture are at full length, and the WORK so contrived that each particular VIRTUE, &c. and opposite VICE, &c. may be seen at one View,

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Search the SCRIPTURES, *John v. ver. 39th.*
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profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, &c.
2 Tim. v. ver. 16th.

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P R E F A C E.

THE great Apostle St. Paul, speaking of the HOLY BIBLE, gives this Account of it, [a] All Scripture says he, is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for Correction, for Instruction in Righteousness; That the Man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good Works; and is [b] that faithful Word which we ought to hold fast, as [c] it is able to make us wise unto Salvation, through Faith which is in Christ Jesus. And the Apostle St. Peter, no less sensible of it's high Importance, says, it is as desirable to sincere Christians, as [d] Milk to new-born Babes; and the royal Author of the Psalms, inspired with it's Excellencies cries out, It is that [e] perfect Law which converteth the Soul; that sure Testimony which maketh the Simple wise: Those right Statutes which rejoice the Heart, and that pure Commandment which enlighthenneth the Eyes, more to be desired than Gold, sweeter also than than the Honey and the Honey-Comb; and in keeping of which, there is great Reward; [f] It is a Lamp unto my Feet, and a Light unto my Path;

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[a] 2 Tim. iii. 16. [b] Titus i. 9. [c] 2 Tim. iii. 15.

[d] 1 Pet. ii. 2. [e] Psal. xix. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

[f] Psal. cxix. 105.



[g] my Comfort in my Affliction. Much more might be said in praise of the SACRED ORACLES of Truth; and of the Necessity there is to study them; but as that is not so necessary with my present Plan, as to give a general Account of this Design, I shall content myself therefore with informing of my Reader, that the ensuing Work, is a Collection of the GRACES and VIRTUES a Christian ought to be possessed of, that he may render himself pleasing in the Sight of his Maker and Redeemer; and the opposite VICES he carefully should avoid; and as they are enforced by the Word of God alone, I shall only add, that these Testimonies of the Apostles, and that of the royal Psalmist, with the Example of the noble Bereans, whose Praise (for the diligent Search of the Scriptures) is spoken of in the [h] Acts, should prompt us to a Veneration for those SACRED TRUTHS, and induce us to propagate the Knowledge of them through the whole Universe: Let these Reflections excite in us a noble Emulation, and may our good Example never be wanted to promote the Study and Practice of Christian Duties.

[g] *Psal.* cxix. 50. [h] *Acts*, xvii. 11, 12.

ALMSGIVING COMMANDED,

Deut. xv. 7, 8. If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates, in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee; thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother.

8. But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

Luke xii. 33. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Prov. xxviii. 27. He that giveth unto the poor, shall not lack; but he that hideth his eyes, shall have many a curse.

Matt. xix. 21. Jesus said unto him, if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven.

Psal. xli. 1. Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

Heb. xiii. 16. To do good and to distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Acts xx. 35. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c.
COVETOUSNESS FORBID.

Exod. xx. 17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Luke xii. 15. And he said unto him, take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Heb. xiii. 5. Let your conversation be without covetousness: and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Heb. ii. 9. Wo to him that coveteth.

2 Pet. ii. 3. And through covetousness shall they, with feigned words, make merchandise of you whose judgment now of a long time lingreth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

1 Cor. vi. 10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Psal. xx. 3. For the wicked boasteth of his hearts desire, and blesteth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

Isa. lvii. 17. Iniquity of his covetousness.

CHARITY COMMANDED.

1 Cor. xiv. 1. Follow after charity.

1 Cor. xvi. 14. Let all your things be done with charity.

Col. iii. 14. And above all things put on charity, which is the bond of perfection.

2 Pet. i. 5, 6, 7. Give all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge.

6. And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness.

7. And to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity.

REWARDS PROMISED.

2 Pet. i. 8. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Pet. iv. 8. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Matt. vii. 12. Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

O P P O S I T E V I C E S, &c. 7

CENSORIOUSNESS FORBID.

John vii. 24. Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Luke vi. 37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

Matt. xviii. 34, 35. And his lord was wrath, and delivered him to the tormentors, 'til he should pay all that was due to him.

35. So likewise shall my heavenly father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Matt. vii. 2. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Psal. ci. 5. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look, and a proud heart will not I suffer.

Prov. x. 10. He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

C H A S T I T Y C O M M A N D E D.

Col. iii. 5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

1 Tim. v. 22. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other mens sins: keep thyself pure,

Gal. v. 19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

Isa. vi. 5. Touch no unclean thing.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Matt. v. 8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Prov. xxii. 11. He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips, the king shall be his friend.

Tit. i. 15. Unto the pure all things are pure, but unto them that are defiled, and unbelieving, is nothing pure: but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 9

LUST FORBID.

1 *Pet.* ii. 11. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.

Eph. v. 3. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named amongst you, as becometh saints.

1 *Cor.* vi. 18. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth, is without the body: but he that committeth fornication, sinneth against his own body.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

2 *Pet.* ii. 9, 10. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

10. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness.

1 *Cor.* x. 6, 8. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

8. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

CONSIDERATION COMMANDED.

Hagg. i. 5. Now therefore, thus said the Lord of Hosts, consider your ways.

Heb. xii. 3. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Heb. x. 24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love, and to good works.

Deut. viii. 5. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee.

Deut. iv. 39. xxxii. 29. *Job,* xxxvii. 14.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Ezek. xviii. 28. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Ecc. vii. 13, 14, 15. Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight which he hath made crooked.

14. In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that men should find nothing after him.

15. All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth his life in his wickedness.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 11

RASHNESS FORBID.

Eccl. v. 2. Be not rash, with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

Acts xix. 36. Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Isa. v. 11, 12. Wo unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night, till wine inflame them.

12. And the harp and the viol, the tabret and pipe, and wine are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Ezek. xxix. 6. And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CONTENTEDNESS COMMANDED.

Heb. xiii. 5. Be content with such things as ye have. For he saith I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1 Tim. vi. 8. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content.

REWARDS PROMISED.

1 Tim. vi. 6. Godliness with contentment is great gain.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 13

MURMURING FORBID.

John vi. 43. Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, murmur not among yourselves.

Phil. ii. 24. Do all things without murmurings, and disputings.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

1 Cor. x. 10. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

CONTRITION COMMANDED.

Jam. iv. 9. Be afflicted, and mourn and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

Joel ii. 12. Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with **fasting**, and with weeping, and with mourning.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Isa. lxvi. 2. To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Psal. xxxiv. 18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psal. li. 17. The sacrifice of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Luke vi. 21. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 15

HARDNESS of HEART FORBID.

Deut. xv. 7. If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother.

Heb. iii. 8. Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Prov. xxviii. 14. Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

Prov. xxix. 1. He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

DILIGENCE COMMANDED.

Prov. iv. 23. Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life.

Deut. vi. 17. You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes which he hath commanded thee.

2 Cor. viii. 7. Therefore as ye abound in every thing, in faith, in utterance and knowledge, and in all diligence,

REWARDS PROMISED.

Heb. xi. 6. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Prov. xi. 27. He that diligently seeketh good, procureth favour; but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

2 Pet. i. 10, 11. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall never fall.

11. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly, into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 17

IDLENESS FORBID.

Rom. xii. 11. Not slothful in business: fervent in spirit: serving the Lord.

Heb. vi. 11. That ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Prov. vi. 6. Go to the ant thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise, which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Prov. xix. 15. Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

Eccle. x. 10. If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put the more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

Prov. vi. 9, 10. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep.

10. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep, so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man,

DEVOUTNESS COMMANDED.

1 Cor. xii. 31. But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Tim. ii. 8. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

1 Thes. v. 17. Pray without ceasing.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Jam. v. 16. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The affectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Job. xxii. 27, 28. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

WORLDLY MINDEDNESS FORBID.

Tit. ii. 12. Teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

1 *John* ii. 15. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Jam. iv. 4. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world, is the enemy of God.

1 *John* ii. 15, 16, 17. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God, abideth for ever.

EXAMPLARINESS COMMANDED.

1 *Tim.* iv. 82. Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Matt. v. 16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Psal. lxxxiv. 11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk upright.

Matt. xi. 29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 24
PUBLIC SINFULNESS FORBID.

Exo. xxiii. 2. Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause, to decline, after many, to wrest judgment.

1 Tim. v. 14. Give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Psal. ix. 17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Isa. v. 18; 20. Wo unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and as it were with a cart-rope:

20. Wo unto them that call evil good, and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

FEAR COMMANDED.

Eccl. v. 7. Fear thou God.

Prov. iii. 7. Fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Deut. vi. 13. Thou shalt fear the Lord.

Deut. vi. 24. Fear the Lord our God.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Psal. cxii. 1. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Prov. xiii. 13. Whoso despiseth the word, shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment, shall be rewarded.

Prov. xxviii. 14. Happy is the man that feareth alway.

Prov. xix. 23. The fear of the Lord tendeth to life, and he that hath it shall abide satisfied: he shall not be visited with evil.

PRESUMPTION FORBID.

Deut. xvii. 13. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

Eccl. v. 2. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Deut. xvii. 12. And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest (that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God) or unto the judge, even that man shall die.

Num. xv. 30. But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously (whether he be born in the land or a stranger) the same reproacheth the Lord, and that soul shall be cut off from his people.

FAITH COMMANDED.

Mark xi. 22. And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God.

Ephe. vi. 16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Gal. iii. 9. So then they which be of faith, are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Rom. v. 1. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. i. 24. By faith ye stand.

Ephe. ii. 8. Ye are saved by faith.

INFIDELITY FORBID.

Heb. iii. 12. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

John xx. 27. Be not faithless but believing.

Rom. xiv. 23. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

REWARDS PROMISED.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Rev. xxi. 8. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Isa. vii. 9. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

FORGIVING others COMMANDED.

Luke xvii. 3, 4. Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

4. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Ephes. iv. 32. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Luke vi. 37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.

Mark xi. 25. And when ye stand, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your father also which is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses.

Isa. lv. 7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, unto our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 27

REVENGEFULNESS FORBID.

Rom. xii. 19. Dearly beloved, avenge not your selves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Matt. xviii. 34, 35. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

FORTITUDE COMMANDED.

Heb. iv. 16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Tim. vi. 12. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Rev. ii. 7, 11. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

11. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches. He that overcometh, shall not be hurt of the second death.

Psal. ii. 12. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 23

DIFFIDENCE FORBIDDEN

Luke xii. 32. Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

John xiv. 27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you: let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

1 *John* iv. 18. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment: he that feareth, is not made perfect in love.

Rev. xxi. 8. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

FIDELITY COMMANDED.

Titus ii. 10. Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Rev. ii. 10. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Prov. xxviii. 20. A faithful man shall abound with blessings.

Psal. ci. 6. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

Psal. xxxi. 23, 24. O love the Lord all ye his saints, for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

TRECHERY FORBID.

Mal. ii. 16. For the Lord God of Israel saith, that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that you deal not treacherously.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Mal. ii. 10, 12. Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

12. The Lord will cut off the man that doeth this: the master and the scholar out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the Lord of hosts.

Psal. ci. 7. He that worketh deceit, shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies, shall not tarry in my sight.

FRIENDSHIP COMMANDED.

Prov. xviii. 24. A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Eph. v. 2. Walk in love as Christ also hath loved us, and gave himself for us.

Lev. xix. 18. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Rom. xiii. 8, 10. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another, hath fulfilled the law.

10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

1 *John* iv. 7. Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God.

Psal. xcvi. 10. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints, he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 33

HATRED FORBID.

Levit. xix. 17. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt not in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Rom. xii. 21. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matt. v. 44. I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Gal. v. 20, 21. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, sedition, heresies.

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such alike: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things, shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

¹ *John iii. 15.* Whosoever hateth his brother, is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

GOODNESS COMMANDED.

Matt. v. 44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

Gal. vi. 10. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1 Thef. v. 15, 21. Follow that which is good.

21. Hold fast that which is good.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Pfal. xxxvii. 23, 24. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

Amos v. 14. Seek good and not evil, that ye may live, and so the Lord the God of hosts shall be with you.

Matt. xii. 35. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart, bringeth forth good things.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 35

BASENESS FORBID.

Pfal. xcvi. 10. Ye that love the Lord hate evil.

Amos v. 15. Hate the evil and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Matt. xiii. 47, 48, 49. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind.

48. Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.

1 *John* iii. 15. Whosoever hateth his brother, is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Isa. iii. 11. Wo unto the wicked; it shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

GENTLENESS COMMANDED.

2 Tim. ii. 24. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.

Titus iii. 2. To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Zeph. ii. 3. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment, seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Matt. v. 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Psal. xxii. 26. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him; your hearts shall live for ever.

Psal. xxv. 9. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his ways.

Psal. xxxvii. 11. The meek shall inherit the earth: and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Psal. cxlix. 4. He will beautify the meek.

Isa. xxix. 19. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the holy one of Israel.

Matt. v. 5. Blessed are the meek.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 37

HAUGHTINESS FORBID.

Titus i. 7. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, nor soon angry, nor given to wine; no striker, nor given to filthy lucre.

Rom. xi. 20. Be not high-minded, but fear.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Isa. x. 33. The haughty shall be humbled.

2 *Pet.* ii. 9, 10, 12. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

10. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government: Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

12. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not, and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

H O P E C O M M A N D E D.

1 Pet. i. 13. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Thef. v. 8. But let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love, and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

Pfal. xlii. 5. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Pfal. cxlvii. 11. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Rom. viii. 24. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen, is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth ye yet hope for?

Pfal. cxxx. 7, 8. Let Israel hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel from his iniquities.

Heb. iii. 14. We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.

DESPAIR FORBID.

Heb. x. 35. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

1 Tim. ii. 8. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up of holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

1 Cor. xv. 58. Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Luke xii. 29. Seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; neither be ye of a doubtful mind.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Rom. xiv. 23. And he that doubteth, is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith, is sin.

V I R T U E S, &c.

HUMILITY COMMANDED.

Jam. iv. 10. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

1 Pet. v. 5, 6. Submit yourselves unto the elder; yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Job xxii. 29. When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up: and he shall save the humble person.

James iv. 6. But he giveth more grace: therefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Prov. xxii. 4. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honour, and life.

PRIDE FORBID.

Jer. xiii. 15. Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud, for the Lord hath spoken.

1 Sam. iii. 3. Talk no more so exceedingly proudly, let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Prov. viii. 13. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride and arrogancy, and the evil way and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Mal. iv. 1. For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Isa. ii. 12. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up, and he shall be brought low.

Psal. ci. 5. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look, and a proud heart, will not I suffer.

JUSTICE COMMANDED.

Pfal. lxxxii. 3. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Lev. xix. 36. Just balance, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Isa. lvi. 1. Thus saith the Lord, keep ye judgment, and do justice.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Prov. x. 6. Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Heb. x. 38. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Isa. lvi. 1. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it.

Jer. xxii. 15, 16. He did judgment and justice, and then it was well with him.

16. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; and then it was well with him.

Prov. xxi. 3. To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

FRAUD and PERJURY FORBID.

Lev. xix. 13. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired, shall not abide with thee all night, until the morning.

Matt. v. 33. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shall perform unto the Lord thine oaths.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Col. iii. 25. But he that doeth wrong, shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

1 Tim. i. 10. For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

Mala. i. 14. Cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing.

Mala. iii. 5. I will be a swift witness against the forcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false-swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right.

LOVE of GOD COMMANDED.

Matt. xxii. 37. Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Deut. vi. 5. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Deut. xi. 1. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God.

REWARDS PROMISED.

John xiv. 21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Psal. xxxi. 23, 24. O love ye the Lord, all ye his saints for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Psal. cxlv. 19, 20. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him, he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

IMPIETY FORBID.

Tit. ii. 12. Teaching us, that denying ungodliness, and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

Psal. lcv. 8. Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation: and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Psal. i. 5, 6. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psal. vii. 11. God is angry with the wicked.

Psal. xi. 6. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fires and brimstone, and an horrible tempest; this shall be the portion of their cup.

Psal. xxxiv. 11. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

LOVE of MAN COMMANDED.

Lev. xix. 18. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

John xiii. 34. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John xv. 12. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Matt. v. 44. I say unto you, love your enemies, blest them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

REWARDS PROMISED.

¹ *John ii. 10.* He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

John xiii. 35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

¹ *John iv. 7.* Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God.

¹ *Thef. i. 3.* Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love.

MALICE and ENVY FORBID.

1 *Peter* ii. 1. Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking.

Ephe. iv. 31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Rom. xiii. 13. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Isa. xxvi. 11. Lord, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people, yea the fire of thine enemies, shall devour them.

1 *John* iii. 14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren: he that loveth not his brother, abideth in death.

Jam. iii. 14, 15, 16. But if ye have bitterness, envying and strife in your hearts, glory not and lie not against the truth.

15. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16. For where envying, and strife is, there is confusion, and every evil work.

MODESTY COMMANDED.

1 *Tim.* ii. 9. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, not with brodered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.

2 *Pet.* iii. 2, 3, 4, 5. While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3. Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning, of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel.

4. But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5. For after this manner in the old time, the holy women also who trusted in God adorned themselves.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Matt. v. iii. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 49

VAINGLORY FORBID.

Gal. v. 26. Let us not be desirous of vain-glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Phil. ii. 3. Let nothing be done through strife, or vain-glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Jer. xiii. 16. Give glory to the Lord your God.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Obad. xii. 15. But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother, in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

15. For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee, thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Luke xiv. 11. For whosoever exalteth himself, shall be abased.

MEEKNESS COMMNADED.

Matt. xi. 29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Titus iii. 1, 2. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work.

2. To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Zeph. ii. 3. Seek meekness.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Psal. cxlix. 4. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Matt. v. 5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Psal. xxii. 26. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

Psal. xxv. 9. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his ways.

REVILING FORBID.

Exod. xxii. 28. Thou shalt not revile the Gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

Rom. xiii. 13, 14. Let us walk honestly as in the day : not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 Thes. v. 8. Let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breast plate of faith and love and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Psal. xii. 3, 4. The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things.

1 Cor. vi. 10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Prov. xxvi. 28. A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it, and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

O B E D I E N C E C O M M A N D E D.

Deut. xiii. 4. Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

Jer. vii. 23. But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

Isa. i. 19. If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land.

Heb. v. 9. And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

Eph. vi. 5, 8. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.

8. Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

DISOBEDIENCE FORBID.

Job xxxvi. 12. But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

Deut. xxvii. 10. Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day.

Heb. xiii. 17. Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Rom. ii. 8. But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath.

2 Thes. i. 7, 8. And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, with his mighty angels.

8. In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PATIENCE COMMANDED.

Heb. xii. 1. Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Luke viii. 5. Bring forth fruit with patience.

1-Thes. v. 14. Now we exhort you brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient towards all men.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Heb. vi. 12. That ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises.

Rom. ii. 6, 7. Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7. To them who, by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, and honour, and immortality; eternal life.

Eccl. vii. 8. Better is the end of a thing, than the beginning thereof; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

ANGER and PASSION FORBID:

Pfal. xxxvii. 8. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise, to do evil.

Ccl. iii. 8. But now you also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Eccl. vii. 9. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Matt. v. 22. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Prov. xxix. 22, 23: An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23: A man's pride shall bring him low; but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

PRUDENCE COMMANDED:

Isa. lii. 13: Behold my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

Col. iv. 5, 6. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

REWARDS PROMISED:

Prov. xiii. 23. A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

Prov. xiv. 15, 18. The simple believe every word; but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

18. The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

Prov. xxii. 3. A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on and are punished.

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FOLLY FORBID.

Eccle. vii. 17. Be not overmuch wicked neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?

Psal. xlv. 8. I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Psal. v. 5. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Prov. i. 7. Fools die for want of wisdom.

Prov. v. 23. He shall die without instruction, and in the greatest of his folly he shall go astray.

Prov. xi. 29. He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

Isa. v. 21. Wo unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight.

PERSEVERANCE COMMANDED.

Ephe. vi. 18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

John xv. 9. As the father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Phil. iii. 14, 15. I press towards the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15. Let us therefore as many as be perfect, be thus minded.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Matt. xxiv. 18. Neither let him which is in the field, return back to take his clothes.

Rev. ii. 10. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Rev. ii. 25, 26. Hold fast till I come. 26. And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.

APOSTACY FORBID.

2 *Pet.* iii. 17. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Psal. cxxv. 5. As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

Luke ix. 62. And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Heb. x. 38. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Prov. xiii. 14. The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

PEACEABLENESS COMMANDED.

Rom. xii. 18. If it is possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Col. iii. 15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful.

Heb. xii. 14. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Matt. v. 9. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

James iii. 17, 18. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 61

STRIFE and EMULATION FORBID.

Prov. iii. 30. Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

2 Tim. ii. 24. And the servants of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.

Gen. xiii. 8. And Abram said unto Lot, let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen: for we are brethren.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Gal. v. 20, 21. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do these things, shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Jam. iii. 16. Where envying and strife is, there is confusion, and every evil thing.

PIETY COMMANDED.

1. *Tim.* iv. 7. But refuse profane and old wives fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

1 *Tim.* v. 4. But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

REWARDS PROMISED.

1 *Tim.* iv. 8. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

1 *Tim.* vi. 6. Godliness with contentment is great gain.

Psal. iv. 3. But know the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself.

WICKEDNESS FORBID.

Psal. xxxvii. 17. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

Jere. iv. 14. O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved: how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Prov. iii. 33. The curse of the Lord, is in the house of the wicked: but he blessed the habitation of the just.

Prov. xiii. 21. Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

Prov. xv. 20. The Lord is far from the wicked.

Prov. xxiv. 20. For there shall be no reward to the evil man, the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

Psal. vii. 11. God is angry with the wicked.

Psal. ix. 17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Psal. xi. 6. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

Psal. xxxiv. 21. Evil shall slay the wicked.

Isa. iii. 11. Wo unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

REPENTANCE COMMANDED.

Mark i. 15. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Acts iii. 19. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Matt. iii. 2. Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Rev. iii. 19. Be zealous therefore and repent.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Eze. xviii. 27, 30. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

30. Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God; repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions: so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

OPPOSITE VICES, &c. 65

IMPENITENCE FORBID:

2 Kings xvii. 13. Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

Joel ii. 12. Therefore also now saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your hearts and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

THREATENINGS, ANNEXED:

Psal. lxviii. 21. But God shall wound the head of his enemies: and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses:

Luke xiii. 3. I tell you nay: but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

Prov. xiv. 34. Righteousness exalted a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

John viii. 34. Jesus answered them, verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin.

1 Cor. xv. 56. The sting of death is sin:

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RESOLUTION COMMANDED:

Heb. x. 23. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised.

Heb. iv. 14, 15, 16. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens: Jesus the son of God let us hold our profession:

15. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16; Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

REWARDS PROMISED.

1 *Chro. xxviii. 7.* Moreover, I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments, and my judgments, as at this day. Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

Rev. ii. 25, 26. But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come.

26: And he that overcometh, and keepeth my words unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

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INCONSTANCY FORBID.

Jam. i. 6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

1 Chro. xxvii. 7, 8. Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments as at this day.

8. Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

1 Cor. xv. 58. My beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Peter v. 9. Resist, stedfast in the faith.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Jam. i. 6, 7, 8. He that wavereth is like a wave in the sea, driven with the wind, and tossed.

7. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways,

S O B R I E T Y C O M M A N D E D.

1 *Peter* v. 8. Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour.

1 *Thef.* v. 8. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breast plate of faith and love, and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

1 *Peter* iv. 7. But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

1 *Thef.* v. 6. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

R E W A R D S P R O M I S E D.

1 *Tim.* ii. 15. Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in child-bearing, if they continue in faith and charity, and holiness with sobriety.

1 *Peter* i. 13, 14, 15, 16. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14. As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts, in your ignorance:

15. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

16. Because it is written, be ye holy, for I am holy.

DRUNKENNESS FORBID.

Ephe. v. 18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit.

Luke xxi. 34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Rom. xiii. 13, 14. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Hab. ii. 15. Wo unto him that giveth his neighbour drink: that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness.

Prov. xxiii. 21. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

SINCERITY COMMANDED.

Josh. xxiv. 14. Now therefore, fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the Gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt: and serve the Lord.

Titus ii. 7. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Phil. i. 10, 11. That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere, and without offence till the day of Christ.

11. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

1 *Peter* ii. 2. As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

Ephe. vi. 24. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

DECEITFULNESS FORBID.

Prov. xxiv. 28. Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause: and deceive not with thy lips.

1 Cor. iii. 18. Let no man deceive himself, if any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

Deut. xi. 16. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside and serve other Gods.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Psal. v. 6. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

Psal. lv. 23. Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days, but I will trust in thee.

Psal. ci. 7, 8. He that worketh deceit, shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies, shall not tarry in my sight.

8. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

TEMPERANCE COMMANDED.

2 *Peter* i. 6. And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience godliness.

Titus ii. 2. That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Gal. v. 23. Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.

2 *Peter* i. 8, 9, 10, 11. For if these things be in you, and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. But he that lacketh these things, is blind. and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall never fall,

11. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly, into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

INTEMPERANCE FORBID.

Rom. xiii. 14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Prov. xxiii. 19, 20. Here thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20. Be not amongst wine-bibbers, amongst riotous eaters of flesh.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Prov. xxiii. 21. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

1 *John ii. 15, 16, 17.* Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God, abideth for ever.

THANKFULNESS COMMANDED.

Eph. v. 20. Give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Col. iii. 15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Psal. li. 14. Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Psal. l. 23. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright, will I shew the salvation of God.

1 Thes. v. 18. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

INGRATITUDE FORBID.

Heb. xiii. 15. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

¹ *Sam. ii. 30.* Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me: for them that honour me, I will honour, and they that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.

Prov. xvii. 13. Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

TRUTH COMMANDED.

Prov. iii. 3. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart.

Prov. xxiii. 23. Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom and instruction, and understanding.

Zech. viii. 19. Love the truth and peace.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Prov. xii. 19. The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Prov. xiv. 22. Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

Ephes. vi. 14, 15, 16. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness;

15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel.

16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.



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FALSEHOOD FORBID.

Lev. xix. 11. Ye shall not steal, neither deal fallſly, neither lie one to another.

Zech. viii. 17. Let none of you imagine evil in your hearts againſt his neighbour, and love no falſe oath: for all theſe are things that I hate, ſaith the Lord.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Pſal. vii. 14, 16. Behold he travelleth with iniquity, and hath conceived miſchief, and brought forth falſehood.

16. His miſchief ſhall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing ſhall come down upon his own pate.

Pſal. cxx. 3. What ſhall be given unto thee? or what ſhall be done unto thee, thou falſe tongue?

WATCHFULNESS COMMANDED.

1 *Pet.* iv. 7. But the end of all things is at hand : be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Matt. xxvi. 41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

REWARDS PROMISED.

Rev. xvi. 15. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

NEGLIGENCE FORBID.

Isa. xxxii. 11. Tremble ye women that are at ease, be troubled, ye careless ones; strip ye, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

Ezek. xii. 18, 19. Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling, and with carefulness.

19. And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel, They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

THREATENINGS ANNEXED.

Rev. iii. 3. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

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